

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA  
DECEMBER 17, 2014**

A meeting of the Common Council of the City of Jasper, Indiana, was held on Wednesday, December 17, 2014, in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 610 Main Street, Jasper, Indiana.

**Call to Order.** Presiding Officer Mayor Terry Seitz called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Roll Call.**

City Attorney Renee Kabrick called the roll.

Mayor Terry Seitz	Present
Council members:	
Gregory Schnarr	Present
David Prechtel	Present
Thomas Schmidt	Present
Earl Schmitt	Present
Kevin Manley	Present
Randall Buchta	Present
Raymond Howard	Present
City Attorney Renee Kabrick	Present
Clerk-Treasurer Juanita S. Boehm	Absent

City Attorney Kabrick announced that in order to have a quorum for the meeting, a majority of the council members must be in attendance. All seven council members were in attendance which is a majority; therefore, there was a quorum for the meeting.

**Pledge of Allegiance.** Mayor Seitz invited all those present to join him in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of the Minutes.**

The following minutes were distributed to and examined by the Council:

1. November 19, 2014 regular common council meeting

A motion was made by Council member David Prechtel and seconded by Council member Thomas Schmidt to approve the minutes as written. Motion carried 7-0.

**Boy Scouts.** Mayor Seitz welcomed the boy scouts from Troop 185 that were in attendance. They are working on a citizenship in the community badge.

**Special Presentation.** Because of Goffinet's work with the Indiana Association of Cities and Towns, Mayor Seitz made a special presentation to Bill Goffinet bestowing to him the title of Honorary Citizen of the City of Jasper.

**Public Hearing.** Mayor Seitz then opened the public hearing concerning the tax abatement request from Braun Family Properties, LLC and Meyer Distributing, Inc.

A notice appeared in the Herald on December 6, 2014, was given to the other taxing units in this economic revitalization area, was posted at city hall and faxed to the news media.

Mayor Seitz asked if anyone from Braun Family Properties, LLC or Meyer Distributing, Inc. would like to come forward. No one came forward.

Mayor Seitz then asked for comments from the public. No comments were received.

Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Gregory Schnarr and seconded by Council member Earl Schmitt to close the public hearing. Motion carried 7-0.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2014-15 RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL CONFIRMING THE DESIGNATION OF A PORTION OF THE CITY OF JASPER AS AN ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA AND APPROVING A STATEMENT OF BENEFITS**

**Braun Family Properties LLC and Meyer Distributing Inc**

This is the confirmatory resolution for Braun Family Properties LLC and Meyer Distributing Inc for the 30<sup>th</sup> and Mill property and for the Inwood property on E. 15<sup>th</sup> Street.

A motion was made by Council member Kevin Manley and seconded by Council member Thomas Schmidt to consider the resolution for one reading only. Motion carried 7-0. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Gregory Schnarr and seconded by Council member Earl Schmitt to read the resolution by title only. Motion carried 7-0. The city attorney so read the resolution. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Kevin Manley and seconded by Council member David Prechtel to pass and adopt Resolution No. 2014-15. Motion carried 7-0.

**Utility Service Board.** General Manager of Utilities Gerald ‘Bud’ Hauersperger gave a report on the regular monthly Utility Service Board meeting held on December 15, 2014. A copy of the Utility Service Board minutes is supplied to each council member.

**Establishing TIF District.** Mayor Seitz said prior to the meeting, four people asked to speak in support of establishing the proposed TIF district. The four who spoke were former Tell City mayor and representative of the Indiana Association of Cities and Towns Bill Goffinet, Jasper Action Team Member Rick Stradtner, Dubois Strong board chairman Alan Johnson and retired Kimball International president Jim Thyen.

Council members Randall Buchta and Kevin Manley were concerned about the size of the TIF district and how the money will be spent. They also expressed

their other concerns. City Attorney Renee Kabrick said when the TIF area was discussed, it was suggested to maximize the effectiveness of this economic development tool and this is the area that was proposed.

Council member Gregory Schnarr wanted reassurance from the redevelopment commission that they would always take the council's input and approval regarding expenditures of the TIF funds and other decisions the RDC makes. Several redevelopment commission members reassured the council members that they will work with the council on the pay-as-you-go items as well as the items that require council approval such as bonding and leasing. The redevelopment commission members said they would only act in conjunction with the council's intentions and approval because we are in this together and are working for the betterment of Jasper.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2014-14 RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA, APPROVING CERTAIN MATTERS IN CONNECTION WITH THE ADOPTION OF A PLAN FOR A CERTAIN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AREA RE: TIF District**

This resolution states that the Declaratory Resolution and the Plan for the Economic Development Area conform to the plan of development for the City, and this resolution approves the Declaratory Resolution, the Plan for the Economic Development Area, and the Plan Commission Order.

A motion was made by Council member Gregory Schnarr and seconded by Council member David Prechtel to consider the resolution for one reading only. Motion carried 7-0. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Randall Buchta and seconded by Council member Raymond Howard to read the resolution by title only. Motion carried 7-0. The city attorney so read the resolution. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Gregory Schnarr and seconded by Council member David Prechtel to pass and adopt Resolution No. 2014-14. Motion carried 7-0.

City Attorney Renee Kabrick said the next step is for the redevelopment commission to conduct a public hearing and to consider a confirmatory resolution. She also said a couple of council members suggested having that public hearing and meeting in the evening to allow for more public input. Kabrick polled the Redevelopment Commission members and they are available for a Tuesday evening meeting instead of Tuesday morning; therefore, the meeting will be held on January 6, 2015. The time will be determined at the commission's January 2, 2015 organizational meeting.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2014-29 AN ORDINANCE TO TRANSFER APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA, FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2014**

This ordinance transfers money within departments in the Park Fund.

A motion was made by Council member Thomas Schmidt and seconded by Council member Earl Schmitt to consider the ordinance for one reading only. Motion carried 7-0. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Randall Buchta and seconded by Council member Gregory Schnarr to read the ordinance by title only. Motion carried 7-0. The city attorney so read the ordinance. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Raymond Howard and seconded by Council member Thomas Schmidt to pass and adopt Ordinance No. 2014-29. Motion carried 7-0.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2014-30 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2008-10 ENTITLED “AN ORDINANCE FIXING A SCHEDULE OF REVISED RATES AND CHARGES COLLECTED BY THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA, FROM THE OWNERS OF PROPERTY SERVED BY THE SEWAGE WORKS OF SAID CITY, AND OTHER MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH”**

This ordinance revises the wastewater rates and charges that will be applied to billings after April 1, 2015.

A motion was made by Council member Raymond Howard and seconded by Council member David Prechtel to read the ordinance by title only on first reading. Motion carried 7-0. The City Attorney so read the ordinance. Thereafter a motion was made by Council member Earl Schmitt and seconded by Council member Gregory Schnarr to approve the ordinance on first reading. Motion carried 7-0.

**Council appoints members to various boards.** A motion was made by Council member Kevin Manley and seconded by Council member Earl Schmitt to appoint Randall Buchta to the Dubois County Solid Waste Board for a term of one year, to appoint Linda Kahle and Kyle Rupert to the Jasper Community Arts Commission for a term of four years, to appoint Dean Vonderheide to the Jasper Library Board for a term of four years, to appoint Ray Howard and John Schroeder to the Jasper Redevelopment Commission for a term of one year and to appoint J. Alexander Emmons II to the Utility Service Board for a term of four years. Motion carried 7-0.

**Appointment to a wage determination committee.** A motion was made by Council member Thomas Schmidt and seconded by Council member Raymond Howard to appoint Dave Fuhs to the wage determination committee for the Worrell Drive Storm Water project. Motion carried 7-0.

**Gas license application.** Mayor Seitz asked the council to consider a gas license application submitted by Andy Ahner with Jasper Engines and Transmissions. Mr. Ahner scored a 94% on the test and answered all of the mandatory questions accurately.

A motion was made by Council member Raymond Howard and seconded by Council member David Prechtel to approve the gas license application submitted by Andy Ahner. Motion carried 7-0.

**Adjournment.** There being no further business to come before the board, a motion was made by Council member Thomas Schmidt and seconded by Council member

Earl Schmitt to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 7-0 and the meeting adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

Mayor Seitz wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

The minutes were hereby approved \_\_\_\_\_ with   X   without corrections or clarification this 21<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2015.

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**Mayor Terry Seitz**  
**Presiding Officer**

**Attest:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Juanita S. Boehm, Clerk-Treasurer**